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Memorandum

TO: Advisory Council DATE: February 6, 2008

FR: Therese Knudsen

RE: National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study

In 2005, Congress formed the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission as part of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act—A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). Representatives from federal, state and local governments, metropolitan planning organizations (including MTC Executive Director Steve Heminger), transportation-related industries, and public interest organizations made up the Commission's 12-person membership. The Commission was charged with examining the condition and future needs of the surface transportation system across the country, as well as short- and long-term funding alternatives.

After 20 months of work, the Commission issued its final report, "Transportation for Tomorrow," last month. Executive Director Steve Heminger will attend your February meeting and discuss the Commission's findings. The executive summary of the report is attached for your information.